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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): EXHAUST GAS REFLUX APPARATUS FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION
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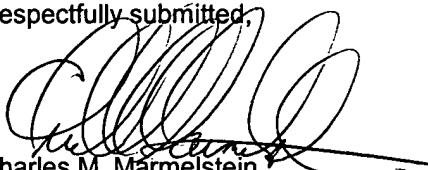
- ☒ 21 pages of Specification/Claims 1-5/Abstract are attached.
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-18; 18 sheets) are attached.
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
☒ Priority of Japanese Application Number 2002-323094 filed November 6, 2002, and Japanese
Application Number 2003-347986 filed October 7, 2003, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, with Form PTO-1449, and 1 reference.

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